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To repeal the nutrition entitlement programs and establish a food stamp
block grant program.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. INHOFE introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred
to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

A BILL

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a food stamp block grant program.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

4 This Act may be cited as the “Food Stamp Restora-
5 tion Act of 2012”.

6 SEC. 2. FOOD STAMP BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM.

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—For each of fiscal years 2014
8 through 2021, the Secretary of Agriculture (referred to
9 in this Act as the “Secretary”) shall establish a food
10 stamp block grant program under which the Secretary

1 shall make annual grants to each participating State that
2 establishes a food stamp program in the State and submits
3 to the Secretary annual reports under subsection (d).

4 (b) REQUIREMENTS.—As a requirement of receiving
5 grants under this section, the Governor of each partici-
6 pating State shall certify that the State food stamp pro-
7 gram includes—

8 (1) work requirements;
9 (2) mandatory drug testing;
10 (3) verification of citizenship or proof of lawful
11 permanent residency of the United States; and

12 (4) limitations on the eligible uses of benefits
13 that are at least as restrictive as the limitations in
14 place for the supplemental nutrition assistance pro-
15 gram established under the Food and Nutrition Act
16 of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2011 et seq.) as of May 31, 2012.

17 (c) AMOUNT OF GRANT.—For each fiscal year, the
18 Secretary shall make a grant to each participating State
19 in an amount equal to the product of—

20 (1) the amount made available under section 3
21 for the applicable fiscal year; and

22 (2) the proportion that—
23 (A) the number of legal residents in the
24 State whose income does not exceed 100 per-
25 cent of the poverty line (as defined in section

1 673(2) of the Community Services Block Grant
2 Act (42 U.S.C. 9902(2), including any revision
3 required by such section)) applicable to a family
4 of the size involved; bears to

5 (B) the number of such individuals in all
6 participating States for the applicable fiscal
7 year, based on data for the most recent fiscal
8 year for which data is available.

9 (d) ANNUAL REPORT REQUIREMENTS.—

10 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than January 1 of
11 each year, each State that receives a grant under
12 this section shall submit to the Secretary a report
13 that shall include, for the year covered by the re-
14 port—

15 (A) a description of the structure and de-
16 sign of the food stamp program of the State,
17 including the manner in which residents of the
18 State qualify for the program;

19 (B) the cost the State incurs to administer
20 the program;

21 (C) whether the State has established a
22 rainy day fund for the food stamp program of
23 the State; and

24 (D) general statistics about participation
25 in the food stamp program.

(B) not later than June 30, submit to the appropriate committees of Congress a report describing—

15 (e) USE OF FUNDS.—

(2) AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.—Grant funds made available to a State under this section shall—

(B) after that period shall—

8 SEC. 3. FUNDING.

9 (a) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
10 authorized to be appropriated to carry out this Act—
11 (1) for fiscal year 2014, \$40,000,000,000;
12 (2) for fiscal year 2015, \$40,700,000,000;
13 (3) for fiscal year 2016, \$41,600,000,000;
14 (4) for fiscal year 2017, \$42,400,000,000;
15 (5) for fiscal year 2018, \$43,200,000,000;
16 (6) for fiscal year 2019, \$44,100,000,000;
17 (7) for fiscal year 2020, \$45,000,000,000; and
18 (8) for fiscal year 2021, \$45,900,000,000.

19 (b) DISCRETIONARY SPENDING LIMIT ADJUST-
20 MENT.—Section 251(c) of the Balanced Budget and
21 Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 (2 U.S.C. 901(c))
22 is amended—

1 (2) in paragraph (4), by striking the figure and
2 inserting “\$1,126,700,000,000”;

3 (3) in paragraph (5), by striking the figure and
4 inserting “\$1,148,600,000,000”;

5 (4) in paragraph (6), by striking the figure and
6 inserting “\$1,173,400,000,000”;

7 (5) in paragraph (7), by striking the figure and
8 inserting “\$1,199,200,000,000”;

9 (6) in paragraph (8), by striking the figure and
10 inserting “\$1,226,100,000,000”;

11 (7) in paragraph (9), by striking the figure and
12 inserting “\$1,253,000,000,000”; and

13 (8) in paragraph (10), by striking the figure
14 and inserting “\$1,279,900,000,000”.

15 (c) DISCRETIONARY CAP ADJUSTMENT FOR NEW
16 PROGRAM SPENDING.—Section 251A(2) of the Balanced
17 Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 (2
18 U.S.C. 901a(2)) is amended—

19 (1) in subparagraph (B)(ii), by striking the fig-
20 ure and inserting “\$550,000,000,000”;

21 (2) in subparagraph (C)(ii), by striking the fig-
22 ure and inserting “\$560,700,000,000”;

23 (3) in subparagraph (D)(ii), by striking the fig-
24 ure and inserting “\$571,600,000,000”;

- 1 (4) in subparagraph (E)(ii), by striking the figure and inserting “\$583,400,000,000”;
- 2 (5) in subparagraph (F)(ii), by striking the figure and inserting “\$596,200,000,000”;
- 3 (6) in subparagraph (G)(ii), by striking the figure and inserting “\$610,100,000,000”;
- 4 (7) in subparagraph (H)(ii), by striking the figure and inserting “\$623,000,000,000”; and
- 5 (8) in subparagraph (I)(ii), by striking the figure and inserting “\$635,900,000,000”.

11 **SEC. 4. REPEALS.**

12 (a) IN GENERAL.—Effective September 30, 2013, the
13 Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2011 et seq.)
14 is repealed.

15 (b) REPEAL OF MANDATORY FUNDING.—

16 (1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other
17 provision of law, effective September 30, 2013, the
18 supplemental nutrition assistance program estab-
19 lished under the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7
20 U.S.C. 2011 et seq.) (as in effect prior to that date)
21 shall cease to be a program funded through direct
22 spending (as defined in section 250(c) of the Bal-
23anced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of
24 1985 (2 U.S.C. 900(c)) prior to the amendment
25 made by paragraph (2)).

9 (C) by striking subparagraph (C).

(3) ENTITLEMENT AUTHORITY.—Effective September 30, 2013, section 3(9) of the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974 (2 U.S.C. 622(9)) is amended—

14 (A) by striking “means—” and all that fol-
15 lows through “the authority to make” and in-
16 serting “means the authority to make”:

17 (B) by striking “; and” and inserting a pe-
18 riod; and

19 (C) by striking subparagraph (B).

4 (c) RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER LAW.—Any reference
5 in this Act, an amendment made by this Act, or any other
6 Act to the supplemental nutrition assistance program shall
7 be considered to be a reference to the food stamp block
8 grant program under this Act.

9 SEC. 5. BASELINE.

10 Notwithstanding section 257 of the Balanced Budget
11 and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 (2 U.S.C.
12 907), the baseline shall assume that, on and after Sep-
13 tember 30, 2013, no benefits shall be provided under the
14 supplemental nutrition assistance program established
15 under the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2011
16 et seq.) (as in effect prior to that date).

